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In re Application of: )  
Masahiro SHIRATORI et al. ) Confirmation No.: 2482  
Application No.: 10/777,213 ) Group Art Unit: 1763  
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Sir:

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

In response to the Advisory Action dated April 4, 2007 and in further response to the Final Office Action dated December 14, 2006, the period for response to which runs through April 16, 2007 (April 14, 2007 being a Saturday), by the concurrently-filed petition for a one-month extension of time and corresponding fee payment, entry of the following amendments is respectfully requested to place the application in clear condition for allowance or, alternatively, in better form for appeal:

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